GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION and ELECTIONS COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING 2/22/16

SENATOR CASSANO, REPRESENTATIVE JUTILA AND MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE THIS TESTIMONY IS FOR SB-15. MY NAME IS CAMERON CHAMPLIN, I REPRESENT PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION 777.

WE REALIZE THAT THERE HAS TO BE LEGISLATION PASSED TO PROTET THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FROM ANY ACTION THAT COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST IT FROM ANY DECISION APPROVED BY THE BOARDS. OUR CONCERNS ARE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION DOES NOT RENDER PROPER FINES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

BEFORE 2009 WHEN A BILL WAS PASSED TO CHANGE THE PROCEDURE THE BOARDS HELD HEARINGS ON ANY VIOLATION THAT COULD NOT BE SETTLED BY A STIPULATION. WHEN THEIR DECISION WAS FINALIZED IT WAS FORWARDED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR FURTHER ACTION. I BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PROCESS FOR ALL. REMBER THE BOARDS ARE COMPRISED OF JOURNEYMAN CRAFT PEOPLE, CONTRACTORS AND PUBLIC MEMBERS. THEY CERTAINLY WOULD KNOW HOW SERIOUS AND DANGEROUS THESE VIOLATIONS ARE AND WOULD DECIDE ON THE AMOUNT OF A FINE OR JUST A WARNING.

THE LANGUAGE TO RETURN TO THIS PROCEDURE COULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS BILL. I HAVE ATTACHED LANGUAGE THAT I BELIEVE WOULD DO JUST THAT.

I HAVE SERVED ON THE HEATING, PIPING AND COOLING BOARD SINCE 1988. I HAVE HELD AN S-2 LICENSE 1970.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TODAY. IF ANY MORE INFORMATION IS WANTED I CAN BE REACHED BY CELL (860) 287-0020 OR EMAIL camc@att.net.